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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, LA, US, TH

SUBJECT: PL-480 ASSISTANCE TO LAOS

1. THE PRESIDENT HAS APPROVED PROVISION OF 10,000 TONS
OF RICE TO LAOS UNDER TITLE II OF PL-480 AS HUMANITARIAN
RESPONSE TO THE LPDR'S INTERNATIONAL APPEAL OF JANUARY 1978.

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THE PRESIDENT HAS ALSO AGREED TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL FOOD
AID IN FY 79 PROVIDED THREE CONDITIONS ARE MET: (A) THAT
THERE IS NEED FOR MORE FOOD; (B) THAT THE INITIAL 10,000
TONS HAVE BEEN PROPERLY USED; AND (C) THAT FURTHER FOOD AID
SEEMS WARRANTED BY THE STATE OF U.S.-LPDR BILATERAL RELA-
TIONS AT THAT TIME. MEMO TO PRESIDENT NOTED THAT BILATERAL
RELATIONS ARE AT PRESENT "UNDER SHADOW OF LAO UNRESPONSIVE-

NESS ON MIA ISSUE."

2. FOR VIENTIANE: WE WISH TO INFORM LPDR OFFICIALLY BEFORE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT. DRAFT TEXT OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE FOLLOWS SEPTTEL. WE WILL NOT WISH TO MAKE EXPLICIT THE MIA ASPECT OF POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL AID. ALLUSION TO "STATE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS" SHOULD SUFFICE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON DRAFT DIPLOMATIC NOTE AND OTHER ELEMENTS WHICH SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND WHEN INFORMING LPDR.

3. FOR BANGKOK: WE WILL ALSO WISH TO INFORM RTG PRIOR TO ANNOUNCEMENT BOTH AS POLITICAL COURTESY AND IN RECOGNITION THAT THAILAND IS A RICE EXPORTER. RICE WILL HAVE TO TRANSIT THAILAND. WHAT PROBLEMS WILL THIS POSE?

4. FOR ROME: DONATION WOULD BE THROUGH AND DISTRIBUTION SUPERVISED BY WFP. DEPARTMENT WILL ADVISE WHEN NOTIFICATION SHOULD BE MADE TO WFP. VANCE

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